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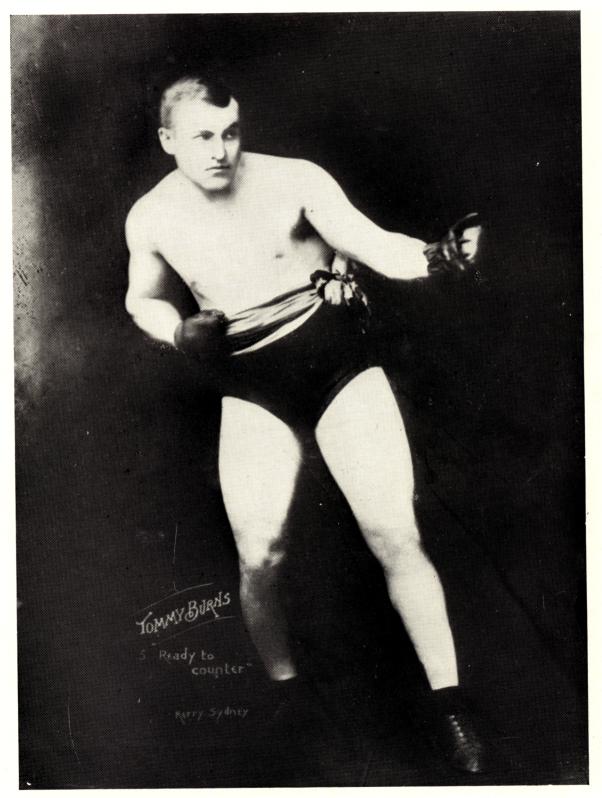
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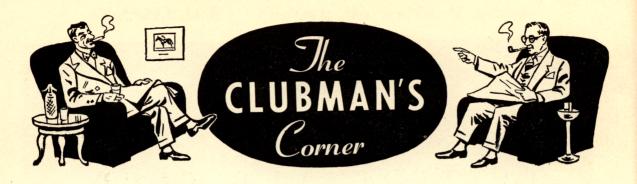
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JOHN BLACK answered at Randwick races sincere enquiries about Clem Withycombe who seldom comes to town nowadays; but who in other years was a member of the group of veterans who congregated in the top corner of the club room and talked about old times and old-timers. Few remain in the land of the living.



JOHN INGLIS came through the task—the ordeal almost—of auctioning hundreds of yearlings and encountering but one disputed bid. Although tensed up at all times, John handled this issue and others related to rapid-fire bidding with the calm and tact inherited from his father, Reg.

STORY told of Reg Inglis during his years in the rostrum concerned a bushman who sought direction to the Newmarket sales. He was told: Take the Coogee tram, stay in until a gravelly voice comes within range, then follow it down the road half a mile or more.

COMMITTEEMAN Frank Carberry and Phil Roach retraced steps to boyhood as they recalled at luncheon in club their athletic contemporaries in Brisbane and on the Darling Downs.

FRANK CARBERRY became
Australia's champion sprint
swimmer. Phil Roach could have
made his name as a runner had
he not turned to his law books.

FORMER bookmaker Jack
Shaw, now owner, invested in
several yearlings at the yearling
sales and all members will wish
the dashing Jack good fortune,
with the hope that they will be
on the receiving end when he
leads in his acquisitions as winners.

GUESTS at the official luncheon at City Tattersall's Club meeting at Randwick in April were the chairman of this Club (John Hickey) and several members of the committee. Similarly the chairman of City Tattersall's Club and several committeemen are guests at official luncheons on this club's race days.

RETURNED and looking fit after his trip to U.K. Club Member T. S. Prescott.

### EDITORIAL: Olympic Games

As the time for holding the Olympic Games approaches, voices are being raised in many countries against investing the contests with a nationalistic slant and defeating the historic purpose of the occasion.

These appeals, even warnings, are timely. The Games were re-established to foster goodwill among peoples by healthy rivalries. Sadly enough, the disposition among certain elements has been to provoke intense nationalism, even racialism.

Sportsmen of all countries, without exception, don't want it that way. They desire to shift the emphasis on winning as a pointer to "race

superiority" to zest in competition in which even the losers should not be ranked as inferiorities. To have competed, irrespective of place, should be hailed as an honor.

The art of losing is sometimes more difficult to acquire than the knack of winning. For our part we would prefer to see a competitor, or a group of competitors, go down fighting in the spirit of the Games than another, or others, seeking vain glory in victory.

Landy's pause to assist a rival he believed he might have hampered in passing provided directors of the Games with their finest symbol—something akin to the spirit of sport.

BARNEY FAY, as a dress reformer, has to suffer occasional stares and goodnatured banter. At a recent Randwick meeting, when heatwave conditions of a Friday threatened to be repeated on Saturday, he appeared in a light white suit.



THE more conventionally garbed gaped at him. One said something about the ice-cream season. Barney knew he was in a winner sartorially, a lightweight at that, while others steamed in heavyweights.



TATTERSALL'S Club and City Tattersall's Club, always retaining a friendly relationship, sharing similar ideals in doing the good deed for charity, exchange courtesies on the occasion of club racing meetings.



WE are happy to congratulate City Tattersall's Club on the success of its April meeting.



LEN HALEY was represented by stock at the yearling sales this time as in many years. He is as keen to-day in breeding and in racing as in years when he was one of the State's finest amateur riders. His one regret: "I can't now go into the paddock, catch and bridle a horse, and leap aboard it".



LEN told at the A.J.C. autumn meeting that he could have bought The Buzzard for 3000 guineas while on a visit to England and while that horse was racing as a three-year-old. Len explained: "I did not like his washy color and I did not like the name he bore—changed when he came to Australia."



CLUB member says: "—Names given horses, so often criticised, are often confined in des-

### CLUBMAN'S CORNER

peration after a dozen or so titles are submitted and knocked back because someone else has got in first. Another thing: not every name is acceptable. I was thinking of forming a union of frustrated name-seekers after my last experience."



PAT KAVANAGH who usually backs his own selections, despite the urgings of his friends, believed himself to be on a sure winner at Randwick. His dismay at the horse having been left 15 lengths changed to elation as it ran to the lead in the first furlong. The inevitable happened. It faded.



PAT had not counted on the inability of a runner to lead at the beginning and at the end, except on rare occasions. If it were otherwise bookmakers would need a Benefit Fund.



THE head of the latest born to Harold Bishop and his wife was ceremoniously wet at Randwick with Harold in the chair and brother Neville, Jim Callachor and Mel Lawton in the group. Harold and his wife have now a pigeon pair: girl and boy.



GORDON MUNRO breeds
Aberdeen Angus cattle as a
business and races horses as a
hobby. His colors are shown
frequently at country meetings
and occasionally, as at the
A.J.C. Autumn meeting, at
Randwick. He had no success
this time, but that won't deter
the good sportsman from coming
again.

U.S. Navy officers were made honorary members during the visit of their warships and spoke cordial welcome extended them in club.

BILL GOURLEY, who died last month, was known as a jovial fellow who claimed many friends. He showed fortitude in facing up to a long illness.

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CLUB member Clive Ogilvie won with his Royal Birthday Tattersall's Club prize in the class for brood mares of three years at the R.A.S. Show.

CONGRATULATIONS to Keith Edward Longworth and his wife on the arrival of a son: Ian Keith.

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AFTER a business trip to West. Aust., Bruce Kennedy back in Club again.

LEFT for Japan and U.S.: Frank Paul.

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IAN FEAKS, A.J.C. handicapper, who died in April, was described by a daily newspaper writer as "one of the straightest and one of the best", a fitting tribute to one whose probity officially and happy personality away from the job won him legion friends. Sadly enough his death was directly the result of active service in World War II. Indeed, service was his watchword.

#### **TOMMY BURNS**

FORTY EIGHT years have gone since Tommy Burns met Jack Johnson at Sydney Stadium and lost on points in 14 rounds after the police had stopped the fight. The picture on inside front cover accompanied an article by Ray Nutchell in "Reveille", official journal of the R.S.L.

### ENGLISH AMATEUR **BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP**

By C. H. OSWALD-SEALY, Hon. Official Recorder, Australian Amateur Billiards Council.

TN 1953 and 1954 Leslie Driffield defeated Edwards in the final by 1120 and 1135 points respectively, so that he had a psychological advantage when he commenced the current finals against Edwards.

To establish the merit of Edwards' victory I can do no better than give a first-hand account received from our own member and many times N.S.W. State titleholder, Arthur Bull, whom, on behalf of Australian billiardists. I am indebted for a detailed description (dated London. 21-2-56):

"I saw two sessions of the English championship between Frank Edwards and Leslie Driffield.

Score at end of night session Frank Edwards .. 1098 Leslie Driffield ... 1179

"These two players are undoubtedly Britain's best, and, like Australia's Marshall and Cleary, there is little between After watching their them. method of steering clear of trouble, my money would be on L. D. every time. He is not so attractive to watch as F. E., but, besides learning what to do and doing it like a champion, he has also learned what not to do, which is the difference between Marshall and Cleary.

Frank is suave, quick in his movements. immaculate fastidious. L. D. is dour and stodgy, always cautious, and at the first sign of danger at the top of the table, plays a loser and goes back to baulk, from where he is at his best.

#### **How Breaks Went**

"During the Tuesday afternoon session, L. D. struck top form, and with breaks of 100, 218, 317 compared with F. E.'s breaks of 95, 115, 104 and finished 348 ahead with an average of 51.9 and match average of 31.8.

"Last night's scores were: Driffield, 2484 (168, 69, 56, 92); Edwards, 2081 (195, 126, 116). To-day being the last day, L. D. go with the lead changing hands on several occasions. Even with five minutes to go the issue was undecided. A timely break by Edwards of 72, mostly losers, clinched the title for him and he finally won by 3395 to Driffield's 3327.

Full sessional breaks and

### ARTHUR BULL ON RESEARCH MISSION

Arthur Bull, who gives a first-hand description of the 1956 English billiards championship in this issue, was himself the recipient of a proficiency certificate for a break of 205 made on a full-size table at the Phoenix Club, Bournemouth, over the Chrintmas season. Arthur Bull, who left Australia toward the end of 1954, has been taking a keen interest in billiards matters, particularly in research for the Australian Amateur Billiards Council on matters pertaining The result of his unselfish efforts may have farto cushions. reaching effects on the future of the game here.

Arthur is now making an extended tour of the Continent for the second successive year ere his return to Australia.

Frank Edwards, who delighted Sydney players with his stylish cueing and all round ability, won the 1956 English billiards title for the fifth occasion; but the final was no sinecure. Until the last session it looked as if Leslie Driffield-himself three times winner of the English title and a decisive winner in his previous two encounters in championship finals against Frank Edwardswas set to equal Edwards with four titles each.

starts off with a lead of 403. with two sessions to go.

"Thursday morning: Frank deserved his win.

"You will notice that the average per session is less than 425 per player. This is attributable to three reasons. much play from baulk, aged referee and safety play."

The final session to which Arthur Bull refers was of a dramatic nature. Frank Edwards opened the session by carrying an afternoon unfinished break of 84 to 207 and gained a lead (23) for the first time. From this point it was touch and averages were as follow (Sessional Scores, progressive averages and breaks):

689 Session I: Edwards, (25.5), 107, 80; Driffield, 468 (17.3), 107, 101. Session II: Edwards, 1,145 (25.4), 190, 85; Driffield, 1,179 (25.6), 189, 168. Session III: Edwards, 1,558 (26.4), 115, 104; Driffield, 1,906 (31.7), 317, 218, 100. Session IV: Edwards, 2,081 (26.3), 168, 92; Driffield, 2,484 (31.0), 195, 126, 101. Session V: Edwards, 2,767 (23.4), 177, 153; Driffield, 2.906 (26.6), 123. Session VI: Edwards, 3,395 (24.9), 207, 101; Driffield, 3,327 (24.4), 130, 82.

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### "MIRACLE MILERS"



Five U.S. pacers ran the mile in 2 mins., among them Diamond Hal (at left) and Adios Harry (below), acclaimed world champion pacer. Diamond Hal recorded 1.57-2/5 on a mile circuit. Adios Harry ran on a six-furlongs track 1.55, 1.55-2/5, 1.56-1/5 and 1.57. He has won £50,000.





Pictures by courtesy of "Trotting Life", official journal of N.S.W. Trotting Association.

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### FEEDING THE LIONS

TEAMS will be allowed to bring special items of food to the Olympic Games, provided they comply with Australian quarantine regulations. They may also bring their own chefs or "spicers", although the Village will be well staffed with expert cooks.

Athletes will dine in national groups according to eating habits: Asian, Middle East, Israeli, British-American, French- Belgium, Hungarian, Italian, Mid-European, Russian and Eastern Scandinavian European, Spanish-American. Each group will have a separate messroom and a separate kitchen.

Meals will be served at any time between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. to fit in with athletes' training and competition times. Most of the meals will probably be served cafeteria style, thus minimising language difficulties.

The tentative menu gives some idea of the variety of the catering programme. It offers about 20 hot and cold beverages, including tea, coffee, cocoa, ovaltine, milk, buttermilk, apple, orange and pineapple juices. These will be followed by several types of cereals and porridge, bacon and eggs, cold meats, hams, honey and jam, and soups and cheese for those who require them.

#### No Re-cooked Food

There will also be about 10 different types of bread and rolls. Other meals will be on a similar scale. The Village will require about two tons of meat daily, over 8,000 pints of milk,

### Happy Birthday Greetings

An old greeting, but ever new: Good health, good luck and a toast to you!

Though your days be many or, maybe, few, what else may fail you, what else you rue, count us among the tried and the true.

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Members are invited to notify the Secretary of the date of their Birthday.

more than three tons of vegetables, and large quantities of other basic foods. All will be delivered fresh daily to the Village. No re-cooked food will be served to the athletes.

No spirits will be sold at the Village, but wine and beer which form parts of several national diets, will be available. Because Melbourne has one of the world's purest water supplies, it will not be necessary for any nation to bring its water supplies as the United States did to Helsinki in 1952.

### Irish Bred Horses Win Renown

CHARLES HATTON, U.S. sports writer, challenged Lord Rosebery's assertion that English brood mares were the best in the world, and said that if Lord Rosebery's conclusion was drawn from a "factual, comprehensive examination of the production records of the studs around the world, Americans ought to be better informed about this, for they are now the leading importers."

Hatton refuted the Englishman's well-known tendency to include in his definition of "English bloodstock" the Irish horse. "Too often," he wrote, "have we had evidence of this tendency on the part of the English writers and others connected with the turf and we need go back no further than last year to find the glaring example of the Irish-bred wonder horse Tulyar being hailed as a triumphant product of British breeding."

Hatton added: "We think the climate, geography and environment (in Ireland) still represent an essential and important difference. The Irish consider this important enough, we take it, and they would be pleased were the English to abandon their habit of blithely ignoring that Ireland is a separate nation, having certain distinct advantages for the rearing of bloodstock.

#### The Climate

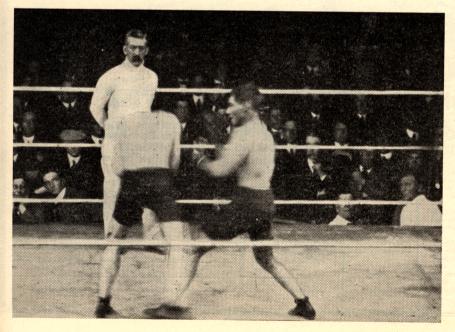
"It is nearer the Gulf Stream, with the results that the winters are less prolonged and grim, the rainfall is heavier, and horses may graze in lush limestone pastures weeks longer... One finds it difficult to believe so many English studs have been transferred to Ireland in late years entirely because it seemed the prudent thing taxwise, though that is naturally a consideration."

#### LOST DOG

THESE reflections were published under the title "World Regeneration and a Lost Dog." They are reprinted here for the philosophy stirred by the loss of a pal.

This has to do with a lost dog, which you might believe, is a paltry source of inspiration for a subject so grandiloquent as "world regeneration"; but there is a relationship, a very human relationship between a lost dog and a lost world. Had the motorist who accidentally ran over my faithful Airedale stopped his car immediately, instead of dragging the poor creature along the road, it would not have raced away, afrighted; ran itself in terror to exhaustion-where. I do not know.

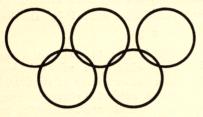
The personal point of interest in that this dog waited for my footstep early and late; it was more constant, more reliable than some men.



LES DARCY (right) in a bout with Jimmy Clabby at Sydney Stadium. Arthur Scott is referee. Between June, 1914, and October, 1916, Darcy received nearly £10,000 (quoting Bill Delany).

Picture by courtesy of "The Coal Miner".

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### **BURNS-JOHNSON FIGHT**

### .... Turning Clock Back

The Burns-Johnson fight in 1908 crops up occasionally and is always good reading as in the following recollections by Jack O'Brien in the "Daily Telegraph".

THE Burns-Johnson fight took place in the open air at Rushcutters Bay Stadium on Boxing day, 1908. There were definitely no preliminaries. But many people seem to think Harry Raff. of North Sydney, fought a chap named Prendergast in a preliminary to the world fight. Harry Keesing, who was associated with Hugh D. McIntosh in the promotion of the fight, said there were no preliminaries. went on to say that the fight between Harry Raff, of North Sydney, and Prendergast, from the American Fleet took place before the Sid Russell-Peter Felix fight a few months earlier. At least 20 readers queried that statement and also the fact that there were no preliminaries to the Burns-Johnson fight.

To clear the matter up finally. Harry spent two days turning up old files and newspaper accounts of the time. This is what he says: "The Stadium was built for the world championship fight between Tommy Burns and Bill Squires, which took place on Monday, August 24, 1908. But on August 21, 1908, a 20-round contest was staged for the championship of New South Wales between Sid Russell and Peter Felix. Russell won on points and Tommy Burns was the referee.

"Before this fight there was a six-round no-decision contest between the brothers Harry and Charlie Raff, of North Sydney. There was a lot of argument over who was the better of the Raff brothers and at the special request of fight fans McIntosh

put the fight on. However, he would not allow a decision to be made and it was agreed that bets made on the result would be decided by a majority newspaper decision.

"The unanimous decision was that Harry was a clear winner. As a result of this win, McIntosh matched Harry against the champion lightweight of the American Fleet, a chap named Prendergast. This fight took place on Monday, August 24, and preceded the championship fight between Bill Squires and Tommy Burns. Harry was much cleverer than the American, but not nearly as heavy or as strong. Although he outboxed Prendergast in the first few rounds, the American knocked him out in the fourth round.

"In the championship fight, Burns stopped Squires in 13 rounds.

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### NOTICE

Exhibition by Olympic Swimmers' Training Group in the Swimming Pool on Monday, 21st May, 1956, at 1.45 p.m.

TICKETS ON SALE THROUGHOUT CLUB

M. D. J. DAWSON, Secretary. "Time, no doubt has played a lot of tricks on the memories of people who thought Harry Raff fought before the Burns-Johnson fight. I can well understand that, because although I was associated with McIntosh's promotions at the time I thought there were no preliminaries to the Burns-Squires fight."

#### The Highlights

From time to time arguments are likely to crop up again on aspects of the Burns-Johnson fight. For that reason I have picked out some of the highlights from the Referee's splendid and most descriptive report of Wednesday, December 30, 1908. It was estimated that there was a crowd of 20,000. Gate takings of £26,00 were a world record at the time. Ringside prices were £10, £5, £3, and £2. The fight was timed to start at 11 a.m., but some fans slept outside the Stadium overnight to get seats for the cheaper sections when the gates opened at 7 a.m.

Some early-comers arrived at 2 a.m. Only two women were seen in the vast crowd. One in the 10/- section. The other was Mrs. Jack London, wife of the famous American author, who was at the ringside. Burns started a 7/4-on favourite. A couple of days before the fight he was at 3/1 on because Johnson had been seen regularly before the fight "drinking beer or wine."

However it appears that Johnson did this outside training hours and then only in moderation. But apparently it was enough to enable his backers to get better odds. Weights for the fight were Johnson 13.10, Burns 12.0½.



# TATTERSALL'S CLUB 157 ELIZABETH STREET SYDNEY

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Members will be held in the Club Room on Wednesday, 13th June, 1956, at 8 o'clock p.m.

#### BUSINESS:

- (a) To confirm Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Members held on the 8th June, 1955.
- (b) To adopt the Annual Report, Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet, and accompanying Statements for the year ended 29th February, 1956.
- (c) To elect a Chairman.

  Mr. John Hickey retires in accordance with the Rules, and being eligible, offers himself for re-election.
- (d) To elect a Treasurer.

  Mr. John A. Roles retires in accordance with the Rules, and being eligible, offers himself for re-election.
- (e) To elect Eight Members to serve on the Committee for One Year. Messrs. F. J. Carberry, George Chiene, A. G. Collins, A. V. Miller, G. J. C. Moore, W. H. Sellen, and E. W. Vandenberg are retiring Members of the Committee, all of whom are eligible for re-election, and offer themselves accordingly.

Mr. Donald Wilson retires but does not offer himself for re-election.

- (f) To elect an Auditor or Auditors.

  Messrs. Starkey and Starkey retire and offer themselves for re-election.
- (g) To transact any other business that may be brought before the Meeting in accordance with the Rules of the Club.

N.B.—Nominations for the office of Chairman, Treasurer, or Member of the Committee, signed by two Members, and with the written consent of the Nominee endorsed thereon, must be handed to the Secretary by 5 p.m. on the 22nd May, 1956.

Nominations for Auditors must be lodged not later than 12 noon, 5th June, 1956.

M. D. J. DAWSON,
Secretary.

4th May, 1956.

### RETIRING OF



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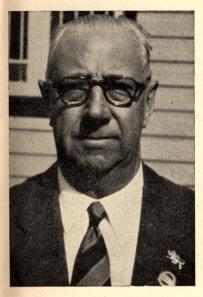
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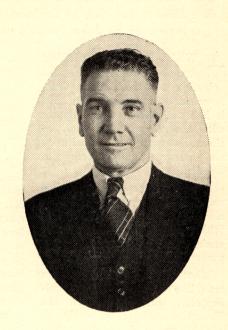
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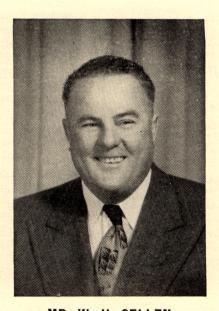
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### **Famous Old Club**

Club men like reading of other clubs and here is a story of a famous old club of England, the Carlton, taken from a review of Sir John Petrie's book in "S.M. Herald."

A WELL-DEFINED political purpose provided the inspiration for the Carlton Club. Ever since its formation in 1832 it has maintained close contact with the Tory Party and, at times, has even been looked upon as party headquarters in London.

Since its inception, the prime requirement for membership has always been the ability to "think correctly" — i.e., to keep one's mind within the boundaries prescribed by the Tory Party.

What happened, then, when a man like Gladstone (who, incidentally, was serving on the library committee as early as 1833) switched parties and

turned to the new cult of liberalism?

Sir Charles Petrie reveals the outcome by quoting from the "Sunday Times" of December 26, 1852: "A scene took place at the Carlton Club on Monday which has excited much attention, and may yet lead to very unpleasant consequences. While Mr. Gladstone was reading a newspaper certain Tory members of the House of Commons came into the room, and employed extremely insulting language to the Right Hon. gentleman, telling him among other things that he had no right to belong to a Conservative Club, but ought to be pitched out of the window in the direction of the Reform Club.

"Mr. Gladstone addressed the parties in most courteous terms, but they repeated their insulting language, ordered candles in another room, and then left Mr. Gladstone alone." Gladstone, of course, had the decency to resign, after some polite quibbling with the committee over the exact amount he owed in membership fees.

#### Duke Objected

Gladstone was not alone in causing trouble. It was an unsettling period, and in the following year the committee had to consider a matter of food: "First of all the Duke of Buckingham called attention to 'the unfair way in which members helped themselves to the rice pudding.' This problem was duly considered in all aspects, and then the Steward was desired by the Committee to point out upon all future occasions to any Members who may help themselves unfairly the impropriety of so doing."

In 1874, the question of where and how much smoking should be allowed on the premises had become of such importance that three gentlemen were appointed to act as a smoking committee.

#### **Final Victory**

However, "the final victory of the smokers did not really take place until the club was bombed in 1940, for it was only at 69 St. James's Street (the new address) that smoking was permitted all over the house, except, of course, in the coffee-room."

But the telephone and electric light were installed in the late years of last century, and women were employed as waitresses during World War I, so at least a few social changes got a toehold inside the doors a generation or so ago.



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# The Barb, Alias... "The Black Demon"

About the end of 1865 Tait bought a little black horse, "no bigger than a pony." It was called "The Barb," and though an obvious sprinter, was condemned by most racing experts as too nervous and unpredictable for racing. Tait put every ounce of knowledge and experience into training the youngster and soon was convinced he could beat the best.

AT this time the greatest controversy in racing concerned the value of Fisherman blood. Many fans maintained that one of Fisherman's progeny, Fishhook, was the greatest horse of his day. Fishhook was known in his home State of Victoria as the "three-thousand guinea horse." (Quoting a special "Daily Mirror" feature article).

With the clamor about Fish-hook's greatness at its height, Tait announced scornfully that he had a small black horse that could walk over the mighty Fishhook. To Victorians, such a statement was sacrilege. They challenged Tait to match this horse against Fishhook so that Victoria could show New South Wales just what a great horse really was.

The challenge came when Tait was not quite so confident. The Barb was giving his jockeys a series of headaches. In one race at Homebush he backed halfway round the course while the others were racing for the finishing post. He then threw his jockey and headed after the field. Tait refused to believe the horse could not be trained. He stuck to the job and was rewarded when The Barb beat some of the best in New South Wales.

When The Barb and Fishhook met in the classic match at the beginning of the 1866 Victorian autumn meeting it was colony versus colony. Every loyal Victorian, whether he knew anything about racing or not, had his money on Fishhook. New South Welshmen gave the same blind support to The Barb. It was a sorrowful and humiliating day for N.S.W. Fishhook won by two lengths.

#### Another Match

John Tait refused to accept defeat. Before the meeting was over, he arranged another match with Fishhook. This time the little N.S.W. wonder came home an easy winner over his bigger Later that year, the rival. horses met again in the A.J.C. Derby at Randwick. With every Sydneysider who "could drive. walk or be carried" to the course cheering him on, The Barb, by now affectionately called "The Black Demon," again downed Fishhook.

For the Melbourne Cup of 1866, Tait entered two horses, The Barb and Falcon. The great little black horse from N.S.W.

ran as he had never run before. With his short legs thrusting and driving, he slid past horse after horse, hands higher than himself.

The Barb's was one of the greatest Melbourne Cup wins of the nineteenth century. Tait's other entry, Falcon, was three lengths away, third. When the official placings were announced, however, only the first and second horses were called. A third placing was not made.

This sent John Tait into a rage. He appealed to the judge, who refused to change his decision. He then went to the stewards, but got no satisfaction. The public were furious, particularly those who backed Falcon for a place. An umpire was appointed to arbitrate, but he took ill.

Meanwhile, Victorian and N.S.W. racing enthusiasts snarled at each other in no neighborly manner. Eventually, arbitrators met in Melbourne's Albion Hotel and upheld the original decision. From that date, John Tait abhorred the Victorian racing moguls.

He had plenty of balm for his injury, however.

The Barb began to coin money like a mint. In 1868 and 1869 he took the Sydney Cup twice, the second time with 10 st. 8 lb. on his back. He also ran away with the Craven Plate, Royal Park Stakes, Port Phillip Stakes, the Victorian Queen's Plate and other rich races.

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### Geoff Shaw Goes from Success to Success

You simply cannot keep a good man down, and that's the story of the month's swimming when Geoff Shaw followed his success of the previous month with another win in the monthly Point Score.

WE told you all about this enthusiastic swimmer last month. All we have to add is that Geoff has struck a rare patch of form. Despite the loss of a second from his handicap, he just keeps on winning.

His keen rival, Les Bear, lost a couple last month. That's going to make it tough for him although he did finish third in the Point Score and still has a nice lead of three and a half points in the "Native Son" Annual series over Leigh Bowes who continues to go well off his 21 second mark.

Geoff Eastment gets mighty close in the Point Scores but he just does not seem to be able to take one out. Best he has done was second in the last series.

First man to lose a second this season was Col. Bowes. There were times when the boys tipped he would get it back but the way he has been going lately he has Buckley's chance. Last month he ran into fourth placing in the Point Score and in the first race of the present series he combined with Fred Harvie to get third place in a final.

Don Wilson used to be called the Swimming Club's Brace Relay specialist but since his retirement a new champion has arisen in the person of popular veteran George Goldie. It's a funny thing that he appears to go better in these events than in the individual races. Partnered by Geoff Eastment and Ken Francis, he has won the last two. Talking of Brace Relays reminds us that enthusiastic Clive Hoole was dragged out of retirement the other day to partner Sid Lorking into a second placing.

Another man who has been out of the water for some time, George McGilvray, a star of the Handball courts, reappeared during the month and won a 40 yards handicap first up in smart time.

#### Bereavements

Sad news during the month was the death of Sam Block's mother. Everybody sympathises with hard-working Sam on his loss.

Another sad item last month was the passing of Fanny Durack, Olympic winner in 1912 at Stockholm and holder of every woman's world's swimming record in her heyday.

On the day before her death she had been officiating at a school's carnival. During the war years Fanny had assisted at most of the fund-raising ventures run in Tattersall's Club. She will be sadly missed in circles where sportsmen and sportswomen foregather.

It is indeed hard luck that two people who had been such influence on the sporting world as Fanny Durack and Professor Frank Cotton should have passed so shortly before the Olympic Games, an event which meant so much to them.

#### Results

March 20—40 yards Handicap: 1st Division Final—M. Fuller (21) 1, S. Sernack (23) 2, F. L. Bowes (21) 3. Time 20.7 secs. 2nd Division Final—G. Shaw (25), Dr. C. L. Bear (25) 1, G. Eastment (25) 3. Time 24.5 secs.

March 27—80 yards Brace Relay Handicap: G. Goldie and G. Eastment (62) 1, C. Hoole and S. Lorking (49) 2. Time 60 secs.

April 3—40 yards Handicap: 1st Division Final—G. Shaw (24) 1, R. Dowling (22) 2, Dr. C. L. Bear (24) 3. Time 23.4 secs. 2nd Division Final—G. McGilvray (24) 1, P. Bowes (24) 2, M. Fuller (21) 3. Time 23.4 secs.

April 10 — 80 yards Brace Relay Handicap: G. Goldie and K. Francis (60) 1, F. Muller and J. O. Dexter (48) 2, C. Bowes and F. Harvie (46) 3. Time 58.4 secs.

### March-April Point Score

This series resulted—G. Shaw  $26\frac{1}{2}$ , 1; G. Eastment 23, 2; Dr. C. L. Bear  $22\frac{1}{2}$ , 3; C. Bowes 19, 4; F. L. Bowes and M. Fuller  $17\frac{1}{2}$ , 5; S. Sernack  $16\frac{1}{2}$ , 7; G. Laforest 16, 8; S. Murray and G. Goldie 15, 9; F. Harvie 14, 11; C. Godhard 13, 12.

#### "Native Son" Point Score

Leaders in this series, for all points scored during the season, were, at April 13: Dr. C. L. Bear 123, F. L. Bowes 1191, G. Shaw and G. Laforest 114, S. Sernack 110½, G. Eastment 108½, P. Lindsay 105, C. Godhard and R. Corrick 981, T. Barrell and C. Bowes 97, S. Murray 94, F. Harvie 90, J. O. Dexter 871, R. Harris 77, A. McCamley 761, G. Goldie 71, H. Herman 70, H. E. Davies 65, A. Allsop 64, K. Francis 63½, J. Shaffran 63, J. Harris 61½, N. Barrell 60½, F. Muller 60, M. Fuller 52½, R. Dowling 50.

—JOHN DEXTER

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To be played under latest Revised Rules. Only one bye allowed. Fresh draw after each round. The Committee reserve the right to re-handicap any player at any stage of the Tournament. Three days' notice will be given to play, or forfeit.

Any member unable to play at or before the time appointed, or such other time as the Billiards and Snooker Sub-Committee may appoint, shall forfeit to his opponent.

No practice or exhibition game will be allowed on the Tournament table during the progress of the Tournaments without the approval of the Billiards and Snooker Sub-Committee.

The Committee reserve the power from time to time to make any alteration or modification in this programme, alter the time for taking entries and declaration of handicaps.

M. D. J. DAWSON.

M. D. J. DAWSON, Secretary.

N.B.—ENTRIES CLOSE at 3 p.m. on MONDAY, 7th MAY, 1956.

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ENTRIES CLOSE AT 3 p.m. ON TUESDAY, 5th JUNE, 1956. ENTRANCE FEE OF £1 TO BE PAID AT TIME OF NOMINATION.

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# The Flying Pieman of Old Sydney

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JIM added: I doubt whether there is a man or woman now alive who could claim acquaintance with the "Flying Pieman." But in 1919 I met old Jerry Dunn—then 90 years old, who, on several occasions, helped to condition "The Pieman" for an athletic event.

King was the eccentric scion of a well-connected English family (his father was paymaster at the Treasury, Whitehall) and probably the greatest freak and long-distance pedestrian this or any other country has known. Young King was intended for the Church, but his boisterous habits and unruly behaviour brought about banishment to "The Colonies" in 1829.

In Sydney, Archdeacon Broughton found the ex-student of Divinity a job as school usher at Sutton Forest. Master King's tastes, however, were more spirituous than spiritual. So he blossomed as a barman (or potboy) at the Hope and Anchor Inn, which stood on the present site of Proud's Corner, Pitt and King Streets. Later, King hawked pies in the city and began a series of amazing pedestrian feats.

He was a happy-go-lucky lad and derived small financial benefit from his running and walking record-breaking performances. They were performed mostly for small cash prizes and wages. He walked from the present obelisk in Macquarie Place to the 16-mile post at Parramatta and back again in six hours. He

walked from Sydney to Parramatta and back twice a day for six consecutive days. He outpaced the coach from Windsor to Sydney by seven minutes.

At Maitland, in 1847, he backed himself to run a mile, walk a mile, wheel a barrow half a mile, pick up 50 stones placed a yard apart, and jump 50 jumps, inside an hour and a half, and won the wager with ease. He also walked 500 halfmiles in 500 half-hours. The "Flying Pieman" died in Liverpool Asylum in 1870.

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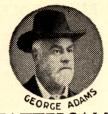
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### Alan Turner's Superb Shot in Seaboard Carnival

OWING to heavy rains in February and March, Double Bay had no alternative but to close two greens for six weeks and reseed them. As we were restricted to two rinks, competition play was suspended but should have been resumed.

Waverley Club hearing of our predicament lost no time in permitting us the use of their greens which we gratefully accepted. We were thus able to relieve the pressure on Double Bay members and to leave them a full green.

In the recent Seabord carnival, Tattersall's bowlers were among the section winners, with John Kellaway's rink battling out the semi-final of the fours, while Alan Turner and his 70-year-old partner came with a burst to down two of the State stop-liners in Gordon Sargeant and Neville Green. After trailing 7-1 on the 6th end, they fought back to finish 4 up. Alan's drive with his last bowl of the match was a superb shot and from one down gave them 4 up.

The annual match at Waverley was as usual a huge success. For the second time in succession we came out on top. Selector Ken Williams pinned his faith on Skippers Fred Vockler, Alan Turner, Jack O'Neill, Vic Bear, Alan Cox and Cedric Emanuel. They all came in with big winning margins.

Results: Tattersall's, 290; Waverley, 234.

M. Watson, R. H. Darch, J. Mc-Kendrick, F. Vockler, 26; F. Skinner, R. Leary, D. Alexander, C. Walker, 16; J. Keogh, R. Davis, W. O'Neill, Jack O'Neill, 27; Dr. Waddy, W. Hutchinson, J. Gunn, R. Switson, 15; G. Cook, E. Abbott, G. Webster, V. Bear, 28; J. Davis, J. Gibbs, H. Spyer, H. Foster, 17; J. O'Brien, G. Fay,

A. Gillespie, A. Cox, 34; P. Wolcock, A. Smith, G. Gray, A. Bradshaw, 19; F. Gawler, F. Harris, F. Ahearn, C. Emanuel, 32; F. Stone, G. Blanch, A. Harrison, W. Shirley, 17; G. H. Levey, N. Barrell, W. McDonald, A. Emmett, 15; J. Weir, H. Adams, J. Dowding, M. Faul, 22.

Triples: H. Davis, C. Baker, G. Booth, 25; W. Plumb, A. Woods, T. Thompson, 22; B. Durkin, J. Pick, J. Eaton, 21; R. Bryant, B. O'Reilly, C. Warton, 20; F. Empson, A. Buckle, Ken Williams, 12; W. Pope, F. Coulson, Les Fingleton, 31; W. Ditford, R. Spencer, A. Turner, 29; H. Sampson, R. Marrott, N. Padey, 15; H. Jones, J. Monro, H. Hill, 17; R. Emanuel, N. Hookway, Les Cubitt, 15; R. Ball, C. Cohen, L. Williams, 24; K. Manion, D. Walker, C. Miller, 25.

#### Tribute to the "Chief"

To the "Chief" we hand the palm as the most versatile bowler in Tattersall's. His play in any position from Lead to Skip is a revelation and he is yet to play two games in succession in any one position.

It was nice to see Tom Mc-Grath at the Waverley function. He has improved in health and we hope to have him again "rolling 'em" up in the near future.

Don Passmore is off on a world tour, and, if time permits, will visit some of the English Clubs.

News from the other side is that Cecil Davis has become a firm follower of indoor bowls, and has played at a number of clubs around London.

The final of the Double Bay
Cup is set for early May. We
are hopeful of winning our first
major trophy. Our players can
be assured of a gallery as interest is keen and we have many
well-wishers. —W. E. BLACK

### JACK CUMMINGS' GREAT GAME AGAINST CHAMPION

THIRD round of the Amounis
Trophy has been completed.
Results—Top half: Bruce Partridge beat R. O. Cummings,
43-41; Eddie Davis beat Lee
Bowes 41-36; Clarrie Woodfield
beat Bill Kirwan 41-34; George
McGilvray beat Malcolm Fuller
41-35; George Goldie beat Peter
Lindsay 41-35.

Bottom half: Col Chatterton beat Neil Barrell 43-41; Les Bear beat Ron Spencer 44-42; Fred Harvie beat Viv Thicknesse 41-27; Geoff Eastment beat Col Bowes 46-44; Peter Williams beat Geoff Laforest 41-34; and Eric Thompson, John Dexter, Ken Francis and John Brice all won on forfeits.

As the results indicate, most of the games were evenly con-

tested. Biggest surprise was the defeat of Peter Lindsay by George Goldie, 41-35. George was good on the day. Another upset was Col Bowes' effort against Geoff Eastment. Geoff just struggled home 46-44. Another game worth mentioning was Jack Cummings' against club champion, Bruce Partridge. It was a mighty effort for Jack to hold Bruce to a 43-41 victory.

#### Draw for Fourth Round

Top half: Eddie Davis (ser.) v. George McGilvray (scr.); Bruce Partridge (scr.) v. Clarrie Woodfield (13); George Goldie (27) v. Winner of Davis-McGilvray match.

Bottom half: Peter Williams (14) v. Fred Harvie (13); Col

Chatterton (22) v. John Dexter (11); Les Bear (28) v. Eric Thompson (18); Ken Francis (17) v. John Brice (30); Geoff Eastment (11) v. Peter Lindsay (10); R. O. Cummings (25) v. Lee Bowes (28); Bill Kirwan (22) v. Malcolm Fuller (18).

#### Personal

A word of cheer to our old friend, Mick Murphy, who has had a turn in hospital. We believe you are on the road to recovery, Mick, and we are looking forward to seeing you in club soon.

Also a word of sympathy to Sam Block, who lost his mother recently. Our sincere condolences, Sam.

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### GREATEST BACK

WHO WAS the greatest football back ever? The eternal question was raised again by a "Daily Mirror" correspondent commenting on Dally Messenger's 73rd birthday in April.

The correspondent wrote: "Dally Messenger is regarded by many as the greatest back ever to play R.U. or League. I saw Messenger in both codes in his prime. Great as Messenger was, W. J. Wallace (N.Z.) was greater.

"In other years several football scribes asked Jack Davis, editor of the old "Referee", and a noted authority to name the greatest as among Wallace, Messenger and Gwyn Nicholls (Welsh three-quarter) who came here in 1899 with a team captained by Rev. Mullineux. Davis declared for Nicholls.

"I saw Nicholls play in 1899, but was too young to form an opinion. However, contemporaries of Davis endorsed his choice.

Nicholls was the sensation of

the 1899 tour. He was a big man as I recall and, as others remember, a faultless handler, kicker and tackler. Nicholls was a brilliant individualist who patterned his game basically on team work—like Wallace and unlike Messenger.

### PRINCE MORVI IN U.S.

NEW YORK TIMES mentioned Prince Morvi as "winner of a couple of Derbies in Australia". This is a brief brush-off for two exceptional performances as Australians remember them; particularly the Victoria Derby win in certain circumstances.

Sydneysiders in the Southern city during the week before the race heard the name of Cronis shouted as "a cert". Cronis was a good run, but Morvi proved better.

The American writer wrote of Prince Morvi's powerful finish in a race in which he just failed to overhaul the winner. That finish is as we remember Prince Morvi at his best; a great horse.

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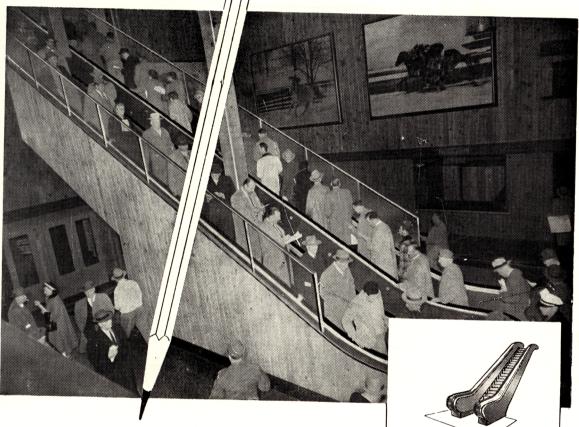
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### MAY RACE MEETING

(RANDWICK RACECOURSE)

SATURDAY, 19TH MAY, 1956

Entries for the following races will be received by the Secretary of Tattersall's Club, Sydney, or Secretary, N.J.C., Newcastle, subject to the Rules of Racing, By-Laws and Regulations of the Australian Jockey Club for the time being in force and by which the nominator agrees to be bound.

#### JUVENILE STAKES

(For Two-Year-Old Fillies at time of starting)

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 17th May, 1956; with £900 added. Second horse £180, and third horse £90 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7 st. SEVEN FURLONGS.

#### TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP

(For Two-Year-Old Colts and Geldings at time of starting)

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 17th May, 1956; with £900 added. Second horse £180, and third horse £90 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7 st. ONE MILE.

### THREE AND FOUR-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP

(For Three-Year-Old Fillies and Four-Year-Old Mares at time of starting)

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 17th May, 1956; with £900 added. Second horse £180, and third horse £90 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7 st. SEVEN FURLONGS.

#### NOVICE HANDICAP

(For Three-Year-Olds and upwards at time of starting)

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the A nanucap Sweepstakes of 25 each, 21 lonest in declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 17th May, 1956; with £ 900 added. Second horse £180, and third horse £90 from the prize. For horses, three-years-old and upwards, which, at time of starting, have not, since 31st December, 1952, won a Transition, Encourage or Trial Race, or a Graduation Stakes, nor have ever won a race on the flat of the value to the winner of more than £100. Pro-

vided that a horse which has won a Maiden, Improvers', Progressive, Intermediate, Advanced, or Approved Race, or, as a maiden horse, a Mixed Stakes or Graduation Stakes, irrespective of the stake won in each race, shall not on that account only be ineligible to compete. in each race, shall not on that account only be ineligible to compete. Further provided that a horse which has won since 31st December, 1952, three Novice Races of the value to the winner of £100 or less in each race shall not be eligible to compete. Notwithstanding the above provisions—(a) a horse which as a two-year-old has won any race of the value to the winner of not more than £1,000 shall not by reason only of that prize he inclinible (b) a horse which any race of the value to the winner of not more than £1,000 snain not by reason only of that prize be ineligible; (b) a horse which as a two-year-old has won any race of the value to the winner of over £1,200 in the aggregate, shall not be eligible. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st.

ONE MILE AND A QUARTER. weight not less than 7st.

#### FLYING HANDICAP

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 17th May, 1956; with £1,200 added. Second horse £240, and third horse £120 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7 st. SIX FURLONGS.

#### THE JAMES BARNES PLATE

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £10 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 17th May, 1956; with £1,500 added. Second horse £300, and third horse £150 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7 st.

ONE MILE AND A QUARTER.

#### WELTER HANDICAP

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 17th May, 1956; with £1,000 added. Second horse £200, and third horse £100 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7 st. 7 lb.

ONE MILE.

ENTRIES CLOSE BEFORE 3 p.m. on MONDAY, 7th MAY, 1956, and must be accompanied by first forfeit of £1. WEIGHTS to be declared at 10 a.m. on MONDAY, 14th MAY, 1956.

ACCEPTANCES for all races are due before 12 noon on THURSDAY, 17th MAY, 1956, with the Secretary of Tattersall's Club, Sydney, only. PENALTIES — In all races (unless otherwise provided) the winner after the declaration of weights, of a flat race or races shall carry such additional weight (if any) for each win as the Handicapper shall determine (not exceeding in the aggregate 7 lb.). The forfeits paid for horses rejected to be refunded as provided in A.J.C. Rule 50 of Racing.

The Committee reserves to itself the right to reject, after acceptance time, all or any of the entries of the lower-weighted horses accepting in any race in excess of the number of horses which would be run in such race without a division.

Provision shall be made for three Emergency Acceptors to replace horses scratched or withdrawn after final acceptances and prior to the times appointed for scratchings on the day of the meeting.

The horses on the same weight to be selected for rejection by lot.

A horse engaged in two or more races on the same day to which conditions of elimination are to apply shall only be permitted to start in the first of such races from which it is not excluded.

The Committee reserves the power from time to time to alter the date of running, to make any alteration or modifications in this programme, alter the sequence of the races and the time for taking entries, declaration of handicaps, forfeits or acceptances, to vary the distance of any race and to change the venue of the meeting, and in the event of the Outer Course being used, races will be run at "About" the distances

The Committee also reserves to itself the right in connection with any of the above Races, should the conditions existing warrant it, to reduce the amounts of the prize money, forfeits and sweepstakes advertised, and to cancel the meeting should the necessity arise.

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M. D. J. DAWSON, Secretary.